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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed March 14, 2001, Applicants are filing a Petition for Extension of Time, and request that the above-captioned patent application be amended as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please cancel drawings titled Figure 5, Figure 5A and Figure 6 without prejudice and replace with new drawings titled Figure 3, Figure 4 and Figure 5 enclosed herein. The "Brief Description of the Drawings" and the references to the drawing in the "Detailed Description of the Invention" are to be amended as below in accordance with this renumbering.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Accompanying this Amendment are two documents: 1) "Substitute Specification for Application 09/481,803" excluding Claims and Abstract, and 2) "Comparison Document of Amended Specification for Application 09/481,803".